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close the present, by expressing my reliance, under the blessing of Divine Providence, on the judgment and patriotism which will guide your measures, at a period particularly calling for united councils, and inflexible exertions, for the welfare of our country, and by assuring you of the fidelity and alacrity with which my co-operation will be afforded.

“ JAMES MADISON.”

Resolutions of the Common Council of Nottingham.

At a Meeting of the Mayor, Aldermen, Common Council, and Livery of the town and county of the town of Nottingham, held at the Guildhall, in and for the said town, on Wednesday the 2d of January, 1811, pursuant to the regular notice of the purpose of such Meeting,

JOHN BATES, esq. Mayor in the Chair,

Resolved unanimously, That with the most fervent wishes for his Majesty's speedy recovery, we contemplate with the deepest sorrow the present afflictive dispensation of Providence which has exposed our beloved monarch to the most dreadful pain and suffering, involved the royal family in the deepest distress, and deprived the people of these realms of any legal organ of the executive authority in the state.

That from the fullest confidence in the mature age, and amiable character of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, we observe with the most lively satisfaction, that the houses of Lords and Commons regard him as the fittest person in the present emergency, to whom to commit on behalf of his Majesty, and in trust for his people, the exercise of those prerogatives which, in the person of the King, are necessarily suspended by his Majesty's indisposition.

That it is with feelings of the greatest apprehension that we understand it to be in the contemplation of those who at present act as his Majesty's confidential servants, to annihilate, for a time at least, some of the most essential prerogatives of the crown, and to limit and fetter some of its most important functions, in the person of the Prince of Wales, as Regent, because it appears to us that such an attempt is as insulting to the character of the Prince, as it is derogatory to the principles of our form of government. We desire to see the power and majesty of the crown and the will of the people, always fully and fairly represented in the Parliament of

the British Constitution, which contemplates the prerogatives of the Crown, not as the property of the King, but as trusts reposed in him for the benefit of the people, without whose continued agency the people will be defrauded of their most essential rights, and the glorious fabric of the English Constitution remain defective and imperfect.

That the petitions to the houses of Lords and Commons, now produced to this meeting by the town clerk, be adopted as the act of this meeting; and that the Common Seal of this Corporation being thereto respectively affixed, the same be signed by the town clerk, and presented, in the name of the Mayor, Aldermen, Common Council and Livery, to the houses of Lords and Commons.

That the petition to the house of Lords be transmitted by the town clerk, for presentation, to the right honourable lord Holland, our Recorder; and the petition to the house of Commons, to Daniel Parker Coke, and John Smith, esqrs. our Representatives therein, requesting their support of the principles of the petitions.

That the proceedings of this meeting be signed by the town clerk, and published in such manner as the Mayor may direct.

That the thanks of this meeting be given to the Mayor, for calling this meeting in pursuance of the requisition made to him for that purpose, and for his attentive and impartial conduct in the Chair.

By order of the Meeting,

GEORGE COLDRAM, Town Clerk.

Resolutions of the Common Hall, London.

SMITH, MAYOR.

At a Meeting or Assembly of the Mayor, Aldermen and Liverymen of the several Companies of the city of London, in common Hall assembled, at the Guildhall of the said city, on Wednesday the 9th day of January, 1811.

Resolved unanimously, That the end and design of all Governments, is, or ought to be, the good of the people—that the prerogatives of the Crown are vested in the King, as a sacred trust for their benefit.

2. Resolved unanimously, That it is, therefore, equally their duty to guard, by every constitutional means, against all encroachments and innovations upon the just and necessary powers and prerogatives of the crown, as to oppose those encroachments and innovations which have so notoriously been made upon the representative branch of our Constitution.